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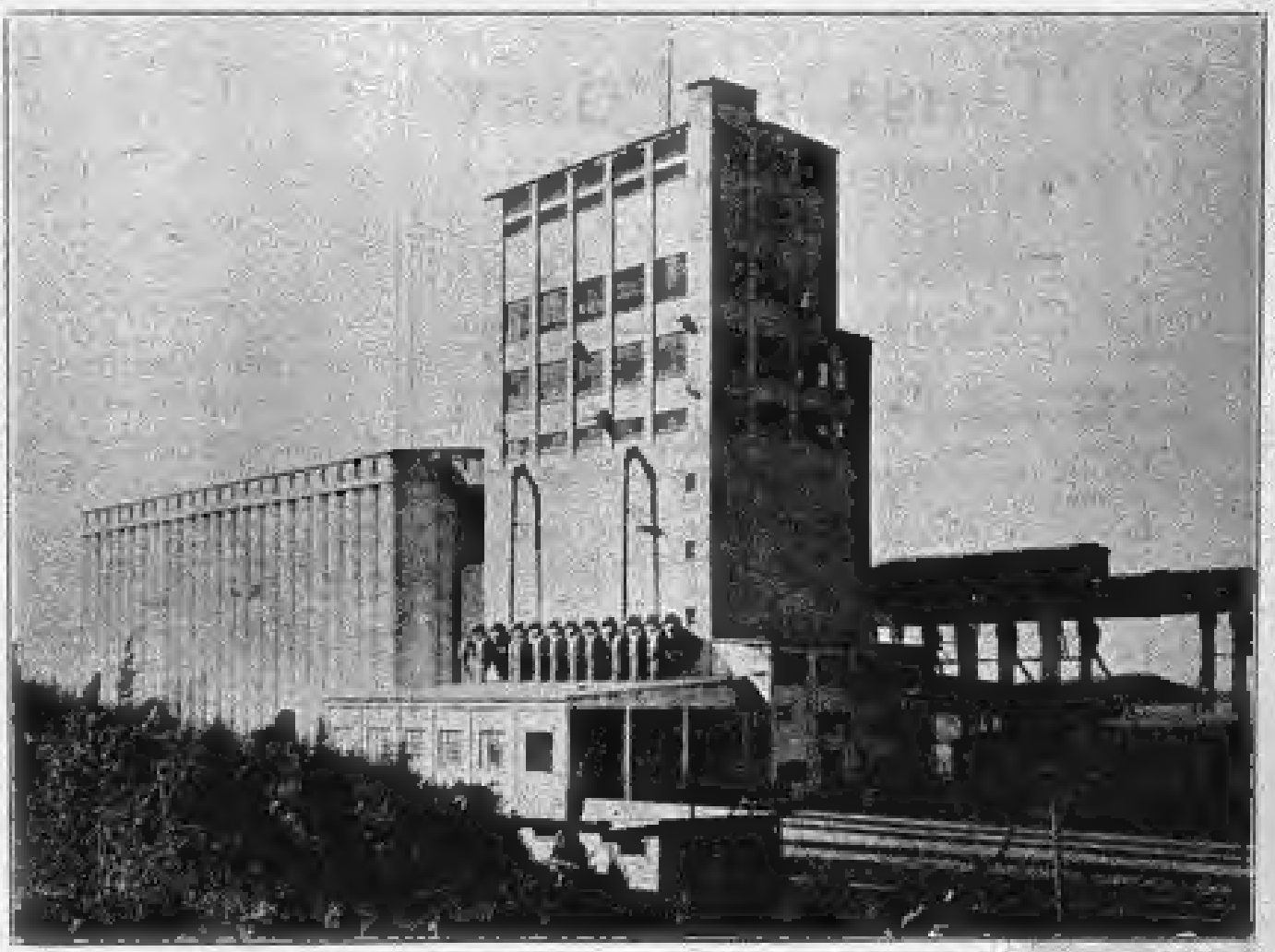
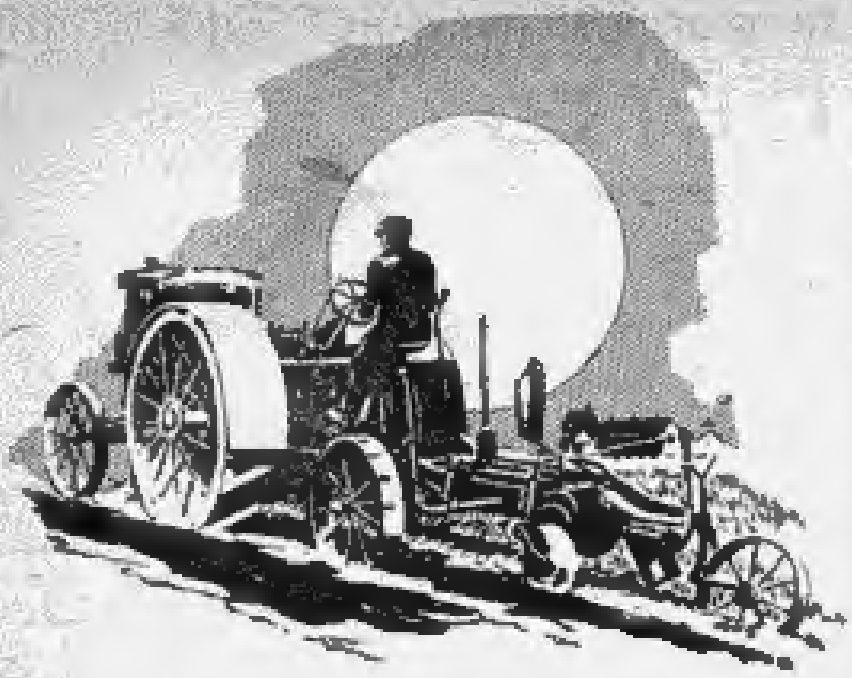


As announced in the last issue of "The U. F. A.", the recently constructed Terminal Elevator at Prince Rupert has been leased from the Dominion Government by the Alberta Wheat Pool for a period of two years, commencing August 1st, 1926. A photograph of the new Terminal is reproduced above. The elevator has a storage capacity of 1,250,000 bushels, and is the fastest handling elevator on the Pacific Coast. The facilities at Prince Rupert will serve as a Western outlet for grain from all C. N. R. points in Alberta. Through the Alberta Pool terminal, the rapidly increasing Oriental trade of the Pool will be handled, thus saving considerable time in despatch.



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MORINVILLE, Alta., May 25.—Louis Normandeau was nominated as U. F. A. candidate for the constituency of St. Albert at a largely attended and enthusiastic convention here today. Sixty-one accredited delegates were registered and the hall was filled to its capacity during the day's proceedings, about 100 persons being present. H. Montpetit, of Legal, was in the chair.

Four names were placed in nomination—L. Normandeau, O. St. Germain, T. St. Arnaud and M. Seguin—and each was given an opportunity to speak and ably addressed the convention. Mr. Normandeau was nominated on the second ballot.

A fine U. F. A. spirit was displayed by those participating in the work of the Convention. Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, spoke on the record of the U. F. A. Government, and H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-president of the U. F. A. gave a most interesting outline of the activities of the Association and of the benefits which through the U. F. A. the organized farmers had brought to the whole farming community. The record of the Farmers' Government, he declared, amid applause, proved conclusively that farmers were more capable of handling public affairs than the politicians of the old line parties. During the past five years Alberta had been served by the most efficient Government in its history.

(Reports of the Convention at Carbon, May 20th, and Acadia, May 27th, and of later Conventions, will be given in our next issue).

'CESS' POOL FUND NOW $1,127

Contributor's Suggestion to J. T. Shaw

By their generous response to the appeal for funds to carry on the fight for a thorough investigation into the Athabasca election scandals and the conduct of the election throughout, members of the U. F. A. have shown their determination to eradicate corruption in public life in Alberta.

One contributor to the fund suggests that Joseph T. Shaw could render one of the greatest possible services to the public life of Alberta if he could divert all the campaign funds which are being expended in the hope of reviving the much discredited Liberal party, into the Athabasca "Cess" Pool fund. The inquiry is purely for the purpose of ascertaining where there has been wrong doing, and placing the responsibility where it belongs.

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EDITORIAL

THE ISSUE ON JUNE 28th

Having run its full term, the Fifth Legislature of the Province of Alberta has been dissolved, and a general election will be held on June 28th. Nomination day will be on June 18th.

The five years in which the U. F. A. Government has been in power have witnessed a transformation in the political life of the Province, and in the administration of public affairs. They have witnessed the progressive elimination of the party spirit, the steady increase in efficiency of the public services, the carrying out for the first time of a policy of rigid economy in the public finances, the application of the U. F. A. spirit of non-partisanship in all public affairs, and a record of progressive legislation. The U. F. A. has established the first Government in Alberta whose honesty and sincerity are conceded by its bitterest opponents.

That an immeasurably higher standard now prevails in the political life of the Province than at any previous time in our history is, we believe, now recognized by the general body of citizens. This improvement in the public morality is, as Mr. Irvine declares in an article which we publish elsewhere, the highest achievement to the credit of the U. F. A. and the U. F. A. Government. And this is the one quality without which no future Government can be tolerated in this Province.

On June 28th the people of Alberta will be called upon to decide whether the progress which has already been made shall be sustained, whether the U. F. A. Government, after mastering serious economic problems arising from financial depression, drought, and a heritage of inefficiency and extravagance, shall pass on to new constructive efforts, or whether we shall turn back to the system which five years ago we discarded.

As in 1921, the U. F. A. will be opposed by the whole of the daily press. Every daily newspaper in Alberta is under the control of the political party forces which for five years have carried on an unremitting campaign for the return of partyism. The U. F. A. triumphed in 1921 in spite of this formidable opposition, and delivered a body blow to the party system. The lack of scruple in the attack of the party press proved an incentive to increased effort on the part of the farmers.

We believe that the farmers will re-affirm on election day this month their continuing faith in the policy and principles for which the movement which they own and control has always stood, and insist for all time the hopes of those reactionary forces which seek to bring about a return to the discredited system of a dead past.

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While there are exceptions, the non-partisan tone of the weekly press, its fairness, and its desire to discuss political issues on their merits, have never been more pronounced than they are today. The weekly press in general is not under the control of the political parties, not under the obligation to attack U. F. A. principles and U. F. A. policies at all costs, and it is closer to the rural communities than the dailies, and consequently has better opportunities to observe the effect of U. F. A. policies upon the progress of the primary industry.

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MR. SHAW'S BELATED DISCOVERY

In his first speech after his conversion to Liberalism, simultaneously with his attainment of the leadership, J. T. Shaw is reported to have described the policy of the U. F. A. administration as the creation of "distrust of urban for rural and rural for urban" people. At Grande Prairie, on May 29th, he is further reported as having condemned the U. F. A. Government for carrying out a "class" policy which had created "a serious state of unrest, inertia and bitterness throughout the length and breadth of the Province during the past five years."

But what was J. T. Shaw doing during those five years? He was praising from many platforms, the spirit of the U. F. A., and expressing the deepest respect and admiration for the principles of the movement, and for the efforts of the U.F.A. to raise the standards of citizenship. He was carrying on a vigorous propaganda against the party system which he espoused when the leadership of the old Liberal party was proffered. So recently as last October he applied for and obtained the endorsement of the U. F. A. in the Federal constituency of Calgary.

If the new Liberal leader's recent charge that the effect of U. F. A. policy is to create distrust, inertia and bitterness were true, he would stand self-condemned as the abettor for five years of a serious crime against the well-being of the Province. But it is not true, and of course Mr. Shaw knows that it is not true. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Shaw, whose new party associations seem to have proved too much for him.

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We ask Mr. Shaw to state clearly and definitely, at every public meeting which he addresses, whether he stands behind the record of the Liberal party in Alberta, and its past policy.

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THE NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL

It is the habit of political parties to appoint to such positions as that of Attorney-General only politicians who have records of party service. In appointing one of the most eminent of Alberta counsel, whose high standing in his community rests entirely upon his record of citizenship, the Alberta Government have followed the U. F. A. tradition. No member of the legal profession in Edmonton stands higher in the regard of his fellow-citizens than the new Attorney-General, J. F. Lymburn, and no counsel stands higher in his profession. Contrary to the usual practice of lawyers, Mr. Lymburn has at no time formed connections with any political party in Canada, but has devoted his energies entirely to professional work, and to various forms of public service. His appointment is an important step in the further development of the U. F. A. plan of co-operation in Government. In common with many other thoughtful citizens, he regards the defeat of the party system in Alberta in 1921 as one of the most hopeful signs of progress, and he is definitely opposed

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Party System No Better Today Than When the People Revolted Against It in Election of 1921

Let Every Voter Look This Issue Square in the Eye Before Casting His Ballot on Election Day — New Leaders of Old Parties Call People Back to Discredited System of a Discarded Past—Why U. F. A. Plan of Organization Enabled Government to Start With Clean Hands and Keep Them Clean

By WILLIAM IRVINE

What has been the greatest service of the U.F.A. political movement to the public life of this Province? This question might be fittingly asked and answered now on the eve of a general election.

True, there have been many services rendered by the U.F.A. Government, and the selection of any one service as the greatest will, of course, be a matter of opinion. Some may say that the good roads built by the Government have been its greatest work; others may say economy in administration; while another group may acclaim the balancing of the budget.

U.F.A. GOVERNMENT'S HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT

These and many other services are good and well worthy of honorable mention, but in my opinion the service which will outlast all others, and which will make itself felt in all governments to come, whether such governments be U.F.A., Tory or Liberal, is the decidedly higher standard of public morality, initiated and established at Edmonton by the present administration.

The principle adopted by the people themselves—of financing their own political campaigns, and of handling their own political machinery, not only freed the government from the difficult task of maintaining a political organization for its own benefit, but it gave the Government an opportunity to start with clean hands and to keep its hands clean. No other Government ever started that way. Even now the old parties, while reacting to the moral stimulus of the U.F.A. Government and straining every nerve to rise to its level in this respect, are not in a position to start where the present administration now is. A Liberal or Tory Government would have to build its own organization and to obtain finances for that purpose. Right there would begin again the same old slush fund, and the same old system of patronage, no matter who might be in the leadership.

WHY NEW LEADER IMPERATIVE

The effects of the new political standard set by the farmers, naturally enough registered itself first on the two old parties. They had their ears to the ground; they knew that the clean record of the U.F.A. Government was popular; and they knew that only by making an equal claim to honesty could they hope to win.

The only way in which the Liberal party could make such a claim, especially in the face of the scandals in the northern constituencies during the last Dominion election, was to obtain a new leader. This leader had to be a man who had never been connected with the Liberal machine so that the record of that party could not be charged to him. Mr. J. T. Shaw, an ambitious young man having failed to get elected as an Independent with the U.F.A. endorsation, in the Dominion election, saw in the extremity of the Liberals, an opportunity to gratify his ambition.

Mr. Shaw has had a chequered political career. He began as a Conservative. After the war he was caught by the swing of the pendulum of public opinion toward radicalism, and became an Independent. As such he was elected for West Calgary. Being defeated last year as an Independent candidate for the Federal Parliament, he turned toward the Liberal camp. But in view of his past political instability, no one knows how long he will remain a Liberal.

FARMERS SORRY THAT SHAW QUIT FIGHT

It is almost certain, however, that the thousands of independent thinking people who admired Mr. Shaw as an Independent and who appreciated his excellent gifts which he used so freely in the cause of the common people at Ottawa, will not follow him back to partyism. It is not too much to say that all over this Province there are many thousands of people who feel sorry for Mr. Shaw—sorry to lose his assistance in the struggle against the party system, and even more sorry that he should have lost hope so quickly and turned back instead of facing the future, even if he should have had to face it alone.

But the most significant thing in the coming Provincial election is the struggle on the part of both Liberals and Tories to break with the past and to obtain leaders who are not graduates of the party system. What is the reason?

It is because the U.F.A. has set a high standard, the people like that standard, and no party can hope to win in Alberta except it gives reasonable promise of maintaining that standard. To meet this demand both parties have secured what appear to be good leaders. Mr. McGillivray, like Mr. Shaw, has no shady past. Both are bright, clean men with high ideals. They come forward in response to the higher public standards set by the U. F. A.

The Albertan has placed a halo of courage around the brow of the new leader. He will need it, for it will take courage to grab the leopard by the tail and to wash off its spots in a bucket of soapy platitudes. And even Mr. McGillivray will find the old political chickens coming home to roost if and when he arrives at the door of the Legislature as the leader of the Conservatives.

WASHING ONE'S FACE WHEN A BATH IS NEEDED

Getting a new head for a party is like washing one's face, when it is a bath that one needs. A clean face may serve the party purpose during an election campaign, but it will take more washing than that if the body politic is to be maintained in its present clean and healthy state.

Mr. Shaw senses this himself, and feeling that the U. F. A. standard is too high to be scaled by the Liberal party, even with himself as leader, he says in his statement to the public on the acceptation of the leadership that "Honesty is not enough." Clearly Mr. Shaw acknowledges that the U. F. A. has been honest. He implies that the Liberal party may not manage to attain to the U. F. A. standard in this respect, but that it may supply some other quality which he deems to be lacking in the present administration. Now, it would be an easy matter to compare the efficiency of the U. F. A. administration with that of the Liberal party in this Province to the disadvantage of the latter. But I choose rather to ring the changes on the virtue of the U. F. A., which the Liberal leader acknowledges when he says "Honesty is not enough."

Go to it, Joe! It's "Action" for you and it won't change me.
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Moreover, honesty is the most essential of all qualities in any public body, even if by itself it is "not enough". Very well! With the acknowledged honesty of the U. F. A. Government, an honesty which no one with a memory will expect from either of the old parties, and with an efficiency in administration which no unbiassed mind in possession of the facts will attempt to deny, what justification does Mr. Shaw offer for advising the people to abandon the U. F. A.?

HAS BALANCED BUDGET MADE SHAW AN OPPONENT?

What could have happened to the U. F. A. since last October, that both Mr. Shaw and the editor of the Albertan turn against it so violently? Both these gentlemen were willing to accept the endorsation of the U. F. A. six short months ago and Mr. Shaw succeeded in getting it. Surely it cannot be the balancing of the budget which has driven Mr. Shaw to such an extreme in opposition, and yet the balancing of the budget is the only outstanding thing which has occurred since Mr. Shaw sought the endorsation of the U. F. A., as a candidate for Parliament. It is to be hoped that Mr. Shaw will not feel too much hurt if the people who voted for him in 1925, and the thousands of people throughout the Province who at that time hoped for his success, refuse to follow him as an enemy of the movement he so recently aspired to espouse.

Up to this time both old parties have been content to parade their leaders before the public. The Conservative party has no past in this Province; it has no existence in the present. Its future is but a vague hope in the breast of an incurable optimist. All, therefore, that the Conservatives have to show is Mr. McGillivray. He is good to look upon. But we say of him as Mr. Shaw said of honesty—Mr. McGillivray is not enough.

On the other hand, the Liberal party, having both a past and a present which it would rather conceal if possible, gathers all speedily into the back shop and posts Mr. Shaw in the show window. He too is, good to look upon, but even Mr. Shaw is not enough.

WHAT McGILLIVRAY AND SHAW MUST ANSWER

Just while leaders are being paraded, it is well to parade our Premier, Hon. J. E. Brownlee. He has measured up to the requirement which called him to the Premiership. We will not enter into a childish comparison. Granted that these three men are equal in character and ability, why should the people of Alberta take a good leader and a bad party in exchange for a good leader and a good movement with a good record? That is the question which both Mr. Shaw and Mr. McGillivray will have to answer.

THE REAL ISSUE IN THIS ELECTION

It must not be forgotten that political leaders are not the issue in this election. It is the party system as against democratic government that is the issue. Let every voter look that issue square in the eye before marking a ballot. A vote for Mr. Shaw or for Mr. McGillivray is a vote for the party system and that system had got so bad in 1921 that the people of this Province revolted against it.

That system is no better now. No leader could purify it or make it efficient. Mr. Shaw may shout that he is a man of action, but his action is backward. He, like Mr. McGillivray, is calling the people of this Province back to a past from which they revolted. Mr. Brownlee, as leader of the U. F. A. in the Legislature, asks the people to face the future and to go ahead. That is the issue.

JUNIOR CONFERENCE FUND

Contributions to the U.F.A. Junior Conference Fund now total $675, of which $600 has already been acknowledged in "The U. F. A." Contributions received since our last issue are:

Ohaton U.F.A., $5; Coaldale U.F.W.A., $5; Wilson U.F.W.A., $5; Telfield U.F.A., $5; McCafferty U.F.A., $5; Brant U.F.W.A., $5; Duffield U.F.A., $5; Consort U.F.A. and Junior, $10; Bismark U.F.A., $5; Stettler U.F.W.A., $5; Clairmont Junior, $5; Rosyth U.F.A., $5; Beaver Lodge U.F.A., $5; White U.F.A., $5; Carrocosta U.F.A., $10; Loyalty Junior Local, $10; Crooked Lake U.F.A., $5; Watasikwin U.F.A., $5; Sterling U.F.W.A., $5; Claysmore U.F.A., $5; Wigs Awake Juniors, $10; Water Glen U.F.A., $5; Ft. Saskatchewan U.F.W.A., $5; Rosyth Jr. Local, $10; Wilson Siding Jr. Local, $10; Cornwall Valley U.F.W.A., $5; Sunnyvale U.F.W.A., $5; Viny Ridge U.F.A., $5; Deerdale U.F.W.A., $5; Delburne Jr., $10; Prosay U.F.A., $5; Asker Jr. Local, $5; Coilholme U.F.A., $5; Sedalia U.F.W.A., $5; Mountain Peak U.F.A., $10; Floral Jr. Local, $10; Fleet U.F.W.A., $5; High River U.F.W.A., $5; Starline U.F.A., $10; Longhead U.F.W.A., $5; Beddington U.F.A., $5; Calumet U.F.W.A., $5; Beddington U.F.W.A. Local, $5; Daisy U.F.A., $5; Waterhole Jr., $10; Queenstown U.F.W.A., $5; Scandia U.F.A., $5; Liberal U.F.A., $5; Sunnyside Jr. Local, $5; Hardisty U.F.A., $5; Waskatenau Jr. $5; Strathcona U.F.W.A., $5; Ardenode U.F.W.A., $5; Sefton Park U.F.A., $5; Greenlawn U.F.W.A., $5; Fleet Jr., $5; Gleneda Jr., $5.

Stockyards Act Empowers Alberta Government Ensure Co-operative Associations Fair Treatment

Act Will Only Be Brought Into Effect on Proclamation Should Emergency Arise—Fair Conduct of Livestock Exchanges Will Be Enforced—Act Arises Out of Recent Dispute on Calgary Stockyards

The Stockyards Act passed at the session of the Alberta Legislature concluded in May, gives power to the Minister of Agriculture to make regulations governing the conduct of livestock exchanges, prescribing the persons entitled to do business at stockyards, and generally, for the control of all stockyards operations under the regulations framed by the Alberta Department. The act will be brought into effect by proclamation, should this be found necessary, the control of stockyards in the meantime remaining under the Dominion Government.

FAIR CONDUCT OF LIVESTOCK EXCHANGES

One of the most important provisions of the act empowers the Minister of Agriculture to make regulations "which are calculated to ensure the fair conduct of livestock exchanges and co-operative associations, or on the part of commission merchants or owners, lessees, occupiers or operators of stockyards." This point arises out of the recent dispute between the Calgary Livestock Exchange and the United Livestock Growers. All of the clauses in the act regarding co-operative marketing are in addition to those contained in the Dominion statute governing stockyards operations.

Subsection (a) of Section 2 defines a "co-operative association" as "any association of persons, either incorporated or unincorporated who are so associated for the purpose of marketing livestock by any customary or reasonable method of co-operative marketing."

MAY DEFINE RIGHTS OF POOLS

The act gives power to the Minister of Agriculture to make regulations providing for the issue of licenses to co-operative associations and prescribing the conditions upon which and the method in which any such association shall be entitled to do business on a stockyard; and the terms upon which any such association shall be entitled to become a member of and exercise the rights of membership in a livestock exchange."

The Minister may prescribe the conduct of livestock exchanges and the issue of their licenses, prescribe the persons who may do business on the exchanges, license commission merchants, and the owners, lessees, occupiers or operators of stockyards; provide for the construction and equipment of stockyards; approve the by-laws of exchanges or prescribe the by-laws; prescribe the fees; provide for the appointment of inspectors of livestock, stockyards and exchanges and of any other officers required by them; provide the conditions upon which the operation of stockyards may be begun or for breach of which they may be closed.

The Minister may also provide for the grading of livestock, it being stipulated that in the case of the grading of hogs, the Dominion Livestock and Livestock Products Act of 1922 shall be the grading under the Alberta act.

Inspection, branding and marketing of livestock and the prescribing of the description of livestock which may be offered for sale at stockyards, are other provisions of the act.

FINES AND IMPRISONMENT FOR VIOLATIONS

A fine not exceeding $500 with or without imprisonment for not more than three months, may be imposed for breach of the act; and a penalty of $50 with or without imprisonment for one month, may be imposed on any person interfering with any officer or inspector in the performance of his duties under the act.

Regulations which may be made under the act must be laid on the table of the Legislature during the first week of the session following the making of such regulations.

The Marquis District Association was organized at a meeting held at Queenstown recently, the membership comprising the following Locals: Milo, Arrowwood, Mayview, Queenstown, Garden Springs, Derrywater and Kirkdale U. F. A., and Buffalo Hills and Queenstown U. F. W. A. Locals. A. Alston is the secretary.

Late Liberal Regime Responsible for Over $16,000,000 of Total Increase in the Capital Debt During Past 5 Years

Present Administration Responsible for $5,204,064.41 of Increase in Debt During Period—Commitments of Previous Government Accounted for the Balance—A Cold Analysis of the Public Accounts

In the last article appearing in the "U.F.A." the current cost of Provincial Government in Alberta was reduced to a per capita basis. In the case of capital expenditure it is hardly possible to use per capita figures.

But we will employ one per capita illustration. The net bonded debt of the Province is $79,462,933.53. Dividing this by our estimated population of 650,000, we arrive at a per capita debt on every person, young and old, in the Province, of $122.13.

This is a somewhat alarming amount, considering that in 1905 the Province commenced with a clean sheet, but after all, the Province is in some respects like an individual. Almost every business man has a certain amount of capital indebtedness, but so long as these are balanced by assets of greater value, there is nothing to worry about. In fact, in our boom days in Alberta the more money we were able to borrow the better off we considered ourselves.

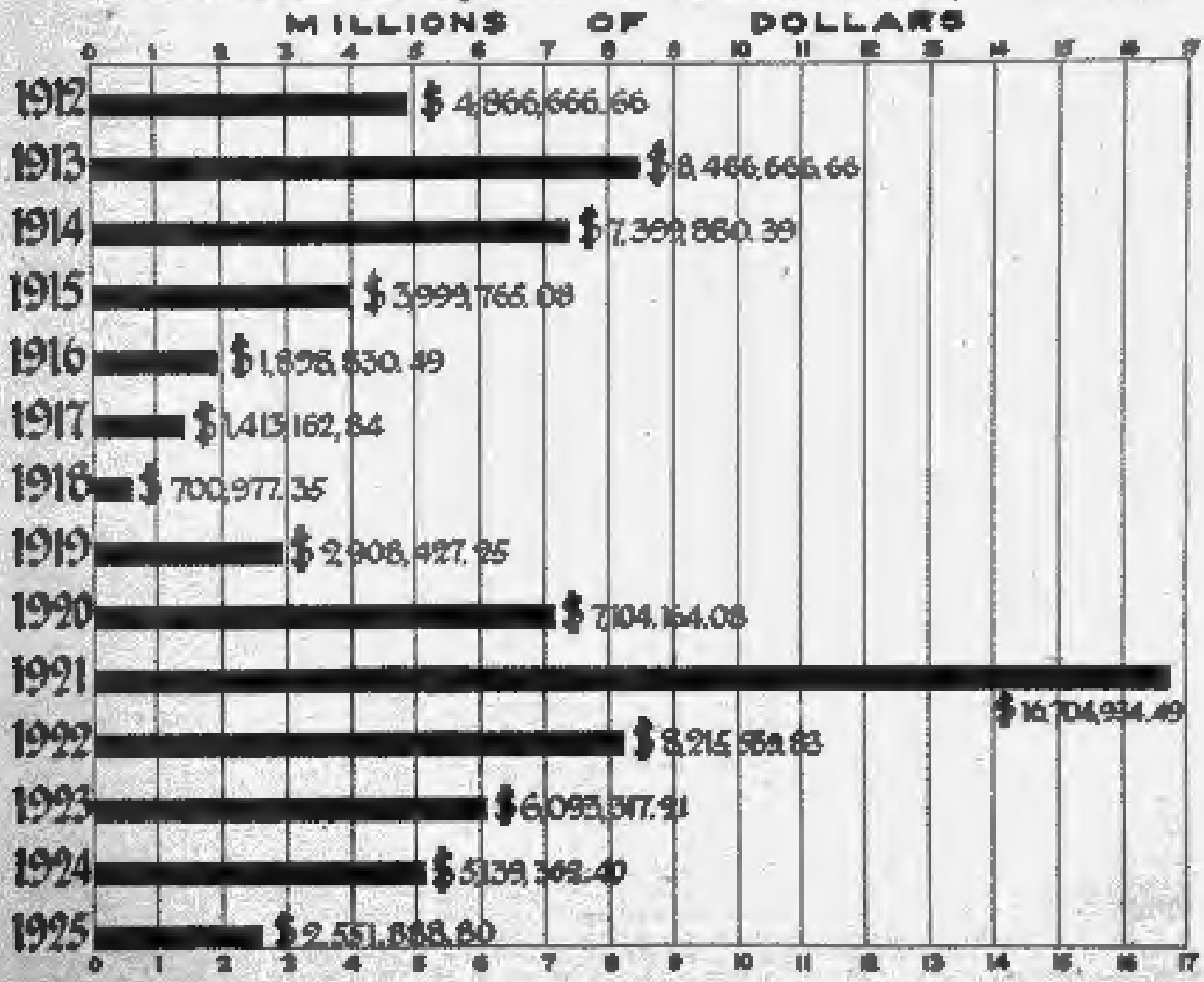
In 1905 the first Alberta Government elected started out with the altruistic intention of paying its way as it went along, and not borrowing.

HOW THE DEBT GREW

In 1905, $2,250,000 was borrowed for the first units of the Alberta telephone system. No further capital borrowings took place until 1912, but from then onwards the debt increased yearly, the increase being as follows:

1912	$4,866,666.66
1913	8,466,666.66
1914	7,399,880.40
1915	3,999,765.09
1916	1,896,830.49
1917	1,413,162.84
1918	700,977.35

NET ANNUAL INCREASE IN PUBLIC DEBT, 1912-1925



The above chart shows the net annual increase in the public debt of the Province of Alberta from 1912 to 1925 inclusive. More than $16,000,000 of the increase from 1921 to 1925 was necessitated by obligations entered into by the previous Liberal administration. It is noteworthy that 1921, when the record increase took place, was an election year. We have reached another election year, but the increase for 1926 will not, it is estimated, exceed $3,000,000, of which new Main Highways Construction represents the greater portion.

1918	2,908,427.26
1920	7,104,164.06
1921	16,704,934.49
1922	8,215,593.52
1923	6,095,317.21
1924	5,139,362.40
1925	2,551,866.80

It will be noted that there are two high peaks in this expenditure, one in 1913 and one in 1921, though 1921 overtops all previous and future years by a very large margin.

THE CREDIT SIDE OF THE LEDGER

On the credit side we have public buildings, sites, and roads, the telephone system, the railways, advances on seed grain, drainage and irrigation schemes, the University, tax arrears, and various other assets of more or less value. But our greatest asset is the natural resources of the Province, for which last year we received a subsidy from the Dominion Government of $2,271,015.44. On a 5 per cent. basis, this would give a capital value to the resources of over $79,-000,000. But we believe, without distinction of party, that the resources are worth more than this, and Alberta is pressing for a return of its resources, and continuation of the subsidy for three years in lieu of those already alienated.

RECENT GROWTH OF THE DEBT

During the past five years the debt has grown by $22,775,635.46, as follows:

Public buildings and Public Works	$8,449,716.54
Telephones	2,498,818.98
Advances to Railways	5,675,224.20
Ratepayable Advances and Loans	3,897,966.84
Advances, Lethbridge Northern Colonization Act	507,976.97
Purchase of Debentures	329,911.19
Working Advances	692,492.51
University of Alberta	2,723,432.13
Total	$22,775,635.46

Obligations entered into by the former administration, by legislation and agreement, amount to $16,462,503.25 of the total, according to the Provincial Treasurer, and the purposes for which the sums were applied bear this out. The present administration admits responsibility for $5,204,064.41 of the total.

These commitments for which the former government was entirely responsible, but which the U. F. A. Government had to honor during the years following 1921, were as follows:

Telephone Construction	$ 2,496,818.98
Advances to Railways, for defaulted interest, etc.	5,675,224.20
University of Alberta	2,723,432.13
Advances under Lethbridge Northern Scheme, under guarantees prior to 1921	507,976.97
Defaulted Interest Lethbridge Northern and drainage districts	434,044.00
Public Buildings under construction, 1921	996,201.20
Guaranteed Seed Grain and Livestock Notes	3,630,613.74
	$16,462,503.25

In addition, hay relief and grasshopper campaign of 1922 required $1,109,067.85, making a total uncontrollable expenditure of $17,571,571.71.

The University total is merely the transfer of an indirect liability into a direct liability for the purpose of getting the benefit of a lower interest rate.

The increase in capitalization in 1925, $2,551,866.80 is the smallest since 1918. It consists of expenses for public works, principally new roads, advances to the railways, accounting for one and a quarter million, and refunding of part of the University loan.

LOSSES TO BE FACED

Our railway misadventure was dealt with in a previous article.

Very large losses have been sustained during the last ten years by drought conditions in sections of the Province, settlers being unable to repay the cost of seed grain advanced, while telephone extensions made in these districts are a deadweight on the system. Over $6,000,-000 guaranteed and advanced by the Province for the construction of irrigation works is not returning interest charges.

We have to take our losses for the present on these and other items, and to hope that they will ultimately become interest-earning assets.

CURRENT EXPENDITURES SHOW DECREASE

In 1921, income totalled $8,486,946.25, and expenditure $10,605,135.91, leaving a deficit of $2,118,209.66. In 1925 income totalled $11,531,025.99, and expenditure $11,343,006.45, there being a consequent surplus of $188,019.54. The income increase of over three million shows the healthy position of the Province. The expenditure increase of $287,851 shows

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Aggressive Fight to Win Leduc for U.F.A. Will Be Carried on---D. C. Breton of Telfordville, Candidate

Three Names in Nomination—Candidate Selected Will Have United Support of U. F. A. in Constituency—Over 90 Delegates Attend Nursing Convention

The large attendance and splendid spirit of enthusiasm displayed at the nomination convention of Leduc U.F.A. Provincial Constituency association, were a hopeful augury of success in the campaign there. Determination to carry on an aggressive, united fight to win the seat (previously held by S. G. Tobin, Liberal) for the U. F. A., was manifested by all the speakers and delegates.

The convention was held in Leduc on May 19th. F. H. Herbert, Strathcona,

D. C. BRETON

was elected president of the new Constituency Association, and occupied the chair. Mrs. Winnifred Rose, Millet, was secretary.

THREE NAMES IN NOMINATION

When the chairman called for nominations, three names were placed before the convention: those of W. J. Jackman, Bremner, Mr. Cody, Millet, and D. C. Breton, Telfordville. Though Mr. Cody was not present, all three names were voted on, and Mr. Breton received the nomination. Mr. Jackman immediately moved that the nomination be made unanimous, pledging his own support, and calling upon all members and adherents of the U.F.A. to stand unitedly behind their nominee. The motion was carried with enthusiasm.

An organization committee, of one representative from each Local, was appointed to take charge of the campaign in the constituency.

Hon. Perren Baker gave an address dealing with the record of the Government in their five years' administration. E. R. Rasmuson, U.F.A. director for Wetaskiwin and Mrs. D. J. Christie, U.F.W.A. director, spoke urging the strengthening of the Locals as the basis of success in the campaign. D. F. Kellner and D. J. Christie also addressed the convention. There were 90 accredited delegates and a large number of visitors.

CANDIDATE ACTIVE U. F. A. WORKER

Born in South Africa of English parents, D. C. Breton, Telfordville, U.F.A. candidate in Leduc constituency, was educated in Honolulu, Hawaii Islands, in Oakland, California, and in Portsmouth, England. He commenced life as a bank clerk in London, but in 1904 decided to emigrate to Canada. Mr. Breton worked as hired man on an Ontario farm during the year 1904. In the spring of 1905 he came to Alberta and took up a homestead 25 miles west of Leduc, where he lived for the next nine years, working out during the winters in logging camps and on railway construction. At the commencement of the war, Mr. Breton was in England. He received a commission in the Imperial Army in September, 1914 and served in India and Afghanistan for five years. In 1920 he returned to Alberta, and has since rented his farm and conducted a general store. Mr. Breton has been an active worker in the U.F.A. for some years, and has served as president of Telfordville Local, president of Leduc Constituency association, and vice-president of Wetaskiwin Federal Constituency association.

As Seen From the Press Gallery

Notes from the Alberta Legislature—The Election Campaign.

By JOHN MACKENZIE

Dominion Government Inaction Only Obstacle to Northern Railway Settlement—Alberta Liberals' Right About Face—Joe. Dechene's Anxiety About Returning Officers—R. C. Marshall, "Vested Interests", and the Wheat Pool—Now We Can Complete the Job of Abolishing Partyism in Alberta.

L. A. Giroux, Liberal member for Grouard, paid the Premier a compliment in the course of the debate of May 21st on the railway question, when after a discussion over the floor of the Assembly, he said that the Premier had a great command of language, and could handle words like a double axe.

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The Opposition, after complaining in the Assembly and in the country for years that the Government's actions have been characterized by indecision, are raising objections to action, now that the Government is within measurable distance of a settlement of the northern railway question.

The only obstacle to a settlement now is the indecision of the Dominion Government. The C. P. R. have made a definite offer for the road. The C. N. R., though notified at the same time as the C.P.R., have not replied, and their answer is still being awaited.

Only last year the Opposition berated the Government for not making a settlement with the Royal Bank, at a figure much higher than the settlement now arrived at. The bill authorizing the Government to settle with the Royal Bank was passed with only one dissentient last session. That dissentient was M. C. McKeen, the U. F. A. member for Lac Ste. Anne. The Liberals favored the bill.

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R. C. Marshall, self-styled "representative of the vested interests", was very critical of the Stockyards Bill on the ground that it might give special privileges to the Livestock Pool. He was assured that the Government were not in favor of special privileges to any individual or corporation.

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The charge of "inaction", which the new leader of the Liberal party levels at the U. F. A. Government, should properly be directed at his superiors in Ottawa, who are holding up the settlement of the Northern Railway problem, the Natural Resources, Spray Lakes, etc.

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In any discussion of the railway situation, it should be remembered that the agreement made by the Liberal administration in 1920 tied the hands of the Alberta Government up till July, 1925, the parties to that agreement being the Government, the C. P. R., and the Union Bank.

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Joe Dechene, in the Assembly last week, displayed a certain amount of anxiety as to the identity of the prospective returning officer in Beaver River, which is included within the Federal constituency of Athabasca. Whoever is appointed by the Alberta Government, Joe may be assured that he will be able at least to read and write.

Sam Brown, the present member for High River, has no connection with the Sam Browne who invented the famous belt without which an army officer is complete. Our Sam, however, has other claims to distinction. He has been a useful and able member of the Legislature, and has represented his constituents faithfully and well. His interest in politics commenced at a very early age, for we have it on the authority of his brother that in his boyhood days in Ireland Sam often stayed indoors studying while the other boys were enjoying themselves in the open. A sequel to the years of study came in 1921, when he was elected to the Legislature, where he has often brought the influence of an original and well trained mind upon problems before the Assembly, both in committee and on the floor of the House. His studious youth, moreover, did not impair his health, and he is good for many more years of service.

We may in this have unintentionally misquoted Sam's brother. Some jocular persons suggest that Sam studied while his brother was doing the chores, but Sam's brother denies it.

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DOMINION DELAYS ANSWER

Questioned in the Alberta House on Saturday, Premier Brownlee stated that no reply had yet been received from the Canadian National Railways as to an offer for the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway.

The Government intended to wire Sir Henry Thornton suggesting a set date for an answer. An offer from the Canadian Pacific Railway had been in the hands of the Government for some time, but could not be disclosed until the offer from the C. N. R. was forthcoming. The Government were very anxious to settle this matter.

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The Premier, just before prorogation of the Alberta Assembly Saturday, said he wished to correct the statement of the Albertan that the delay in presenting the statement on the Natural Resources on Friday was due to indecision on the part of the Government. The delay was as a matter of courtesy to the Dominion Government, with whom they had been in correspondence by telegram.

Again, with reference to railway policy, R. C. Marshall asked if the statement in the Albertan re the railways was official.

"I would hate to take a statement in the Albertan at any time as the Government policy," returned the Premier, amid laughter.

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The Act Regarding Stockyards, outlined in another column, was given third reading on Saturday, and assented to.

R. C. Marshall, Calgary Liberal member, said that to meet the wishes of the livestock industry a provision should be inserted that the Act would not come into effect except in the event of the Dominion Act being declared ultra vires.

Premier Brownlee would not give any undertaking of this nature. Circumstances might arise that might make it necessary to use the Act. This was not anticipated, however. The last thing the Government wished to do was to take jurisdiction over the stockyards throughout the Province.

Mr. Marshall alleged that the concern at Calgary affected by the recent investigation was not a co-operative concern, but a private company. He was not attacking the Pool. The trouble at Calgary was with a private company handling Pool business. Other members of the exchange took exception to this, and the cry went out that the Pools were being affected.

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Premier Brownlee on Saturday definitely set at rest a rumor that has been industriously circulated by Liberal organs.

In answer to a question by R. C. Marshall, as to who would be the leader of the U. F. A. political forces after the election, Mr. Brownlee retorted that the present Premier of Alberta would be the Premier after the election.

He was glad to have the opportunity of contradicting the unfounded rumor that he was going to retire from politics.

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R. C. Marshall, Liberal, Calgary, declared in the House some two months ago that "he was not ashamed to represent vested interests." This is the same Marshall who now declares that by Ben S. Plumer being nominated as U.F.A. candidate against Liberalism's "white hope," the Wheat Pool is being dragged into politics.

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Getting away from politics for a moment, Donald Cameron, M.L.A. for Innisfail, was asked why the Norge expedition did not find the proverbial Scotsman at the North Pole. After consulting with Geo. McLachlan and Archie Matheson, Donald gave the explanation that the Norge reported only water and ice at the Pole. No place for a Scotsman!

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The sooner we get away from the idea that "election" is another name for "fight," the better our government will be. Brass bands, buttons, beer and bribery were till recent days invariable election accompaniments. If we want business government we must vote in a business way.

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We nearly got rid of partyism in Provincial affairs last election. If we still remember what happened to Alberta under the party system we will get rid of the remnants.

Assembly Passes Resources Bill With School Amendment—Stockyards Act Provides for Emergency—Railway Situation in North Made Clear

Government Reaches Settlement With Royal Bank on Cash Basis of $1,275,000 for E. D. and B. C. Claim—Offer From C. P. R., but No Answer From C. N. R. or Government—Natural Resources Act as Amended After Full Statement by Premier, Safeguards Provincial Control of Education—Fifth Legislative Assembly of Alberta Prorogues After Completing Full Term

Special Correspondence

Government Brings Down Bank's Claim By Negotiations

Brownlee Presents Statement on Railways—Stockyards Bill May Be Made Effective by Proclamation Only

THURSDAY'S SITTING

EDMONTON, May 28.—At the opening of the adjourned session of the Alberta Assembly today, Premier Brownlee announced that the business before the Assembly would consist of the report on the negotiations regarding the E., D. and B.C. and Central Canada railways; the Natural Resources Bill, and several general matters of legislation. He hoped that they would be able to depart on Saturday for the "next order of business."

In moving the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the railway situation, the Premier said that authority was given at last session to arrange a settlement with the Royal Bank and with regard to operating the road.

WHY DOMINION SHOULD OPERATE ROAD

During the interval he and the Minister of Railways had visited Ottawa and conferred with the Dominion Minister of Railways, Chas. Dunning, and outlined the reasons why, in the Province's opinion, the Dominion should take over the railways.

These were as follows:

1. The Grand Trunk Pacific Line between Wolf Creek and Prince Rupert represented an investment of $107,267,536, which was not of much value unless it had the Peace River outlet as a feeder.

2. The E., D. and B.C. Railway tapped the productive portion of the Peace River district. It was a colonization road, and should have received a subsidy from the Dominion. This had been recognized in part by subsidies for 90 miles and for a bridge grant.

3. The traffic the lines provided would justify their purchase, and they would be very valuable to the Dominion system.

4. The coast outlet would tap the Peace River block of land owned by the Dominion. This comprised 2,560,000 acres of land believed to be arable.

VALUE OF THE ROAD $17,472,994

A fair valuation of the road was $17,472,994. The Province had guaranteed bonds amounting to $9,420,000, and had advanced $8,338,458. It was proposed that the Dominion should assume the guarantee of $9,420,000, and issue debentures for 50 per cent. of the money advanced by the Province; also that the Dominion should assume the securities at present held by the Royal Bank.

The same basis of sale was suggested to the C.P.R. Letters were sent to E. W. Beatty and Sir Henry Thornton, asking if they had any further offers to those previously given. Beatty and Thornton were interviewed in Montreal.

C.P.R. SUBMITS OFFER

Mr. Beatty had submitted a further offer, but the C.N.R. had not yet submitted one. An agreement had been come to that the offers would not be made public until both were in. A wire had been sent to Sir Henry Thornton asking for a reply at the earliest possible moment.

NO DILATORINESS BY THE PROVINCE

It would be seen from this that no accusation of dilatoriness could be laid against the Province, and the Premier could say that the Province had not lost by any delay that had occurred.

Letters were sent to Premier King and to Chas. Dunning, pointing out that Premier King had made distinct reference to the Peace River country, both with regard to colonization and the coast outlet. This could be taken as evidence that something definite would be done by the Dominion. The letter pointed out that the Province was under an annual interest charge of $1,000,000, and had to make a decision very soon as to operation or otherwise. It was important that the Province should know what action the Dominion would take, and he asked for action this year.

NO REPLY FROM THE DOMINION

The desire of the settlers for a coast outlet could not be met by the Province. In addition to writing, the matter of the railway was discussed with Premier King, Chas. Stewart and C. A. Dunning, and the Alberta members of the Dominion House. Mr. Dunning had promised that he would send a reply, but no reply had been received yet.

WILL SETTLE ROYAL BANK'S CLAIM

With regard to the Royal Bank's claim, a conference had been held at Montreal with the officers of the bank. The government had decided to make a settlement of this matter, on a cash basis of $1,275,000, or a time settlement of $1,500,000.

They might have disputed the bank's claim, but opinions of eminent counsel were to the effect that litigation would last at least two years, and would be very expensive. The road would have to be placed in the hands of a receiver, and it was difficult to say what effect that would have on the people depending on the line.

The Union Bank had spent over $1,000,000 of their claim in keeping the road in operation, and deserved consideration on

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Having completed its full term of five years, the fifth Alberta Legislature was prorogued on Saturday, May 22nd. The adjourned session commenced on Thursday, May 20th, and was prorogued on the completion of the three days' business.

Premier Brownlee on the opening day made a complete statement on the Northern Railway situation, outlining representations made by himself and the Minister of Railways, Hon. V. W. Smith, to the Dominion Government, the C.N.R., and the C. P. R. The Government have decided to make a settlement with the Royal Bank, who hold the common stock of the E. D. & B. C. Railway. They have received an offer for the railway from the C. P. R., but no answer as far from the Dominion Government or C. N. R. It is their intention to suggest a time limit to the C. N. R., so that the offers can be dealt with.

A Stockyards Act was passed during the three day session which will take care of any possible emergency in connection with the present Calgary Stockyards dispute. There is a possibility of the present Dominion Act being ultra vires, hence the new act, which will only come into force on proclamation.

The Assembly took a step of great importance on Saturday, May 22nd, when they gave the Natural Resources Agreement third reading, amending a clause which had been interpreted as constituting an interference with the control of education by the Province. The agreement has still to be sanctioned by the Dominion. Premier Mackenzie King has disapproved of the Province's action in amending the bill.

We call particular attention to the very full statement of the Natural Resources legislation in its relation to the rights of the Province to control education in accordance with the laws of the Province, which is given in the reports of the sitting of the Assembly of May 22nd, published in this issue.

In addition to the major subjects mentioned above, various minor matters were dealt with during the three days' sittings.

that ground. The papers were now being prepared.

The Government expected to have the C.N.R.'s offer for the road very soon, and they would then decide whether it was better to operate the road themselves, sell it, lease or otherwise.

GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORITY

In answer to a question by J. C. Bowen, Liberal leader, the Premier said that the Assembly had given the Government authority to deal with the matter. If the decision were made before the date of the election they would be responsible to the people.

Mr. Bowen, in a short speech, criticised the Government. He said the Royal Bank claim was doubtful. We were in the same position as we always found ourselves. He hoped nothing definite would be done by this government, and he did not think anything definite should be done. This question had been allowed to drag until the eve of an election, and it was presumptuous for the government to deal with it now.

L. A. Giroux, Liberal (Grouard), said that if litigation had been entered into two years ago the Province might have saved $1,275,000. The cost of the litigation would not be more than two or three hundred thousand. The Albertan had carried a statement from an official of the Government. Was that the policy of the Government? Did the Government intend to terminate the agreement with the C.P.R.? The present position could be left as it was for two or three years. The coast outlet was a responsibility of the Province as well as of the Dominion. The Dominion Government should be consulted before the question was settled, and we should have the verdict of the people.

George Hoadley said it was evident from the remarks of the previous speaker that he was not in favor of a settlement of the Northern Railway situation.

R. C. Marshall derided the Premier and Minister of Railways for going down east and having $1,200,000 taken from them. They were like innocents abroad.

OPPOSITION IS INCONSISTENT

In reply, Premier Brownlee said the opposition had altogether reversed the position they had taken in the Assembly for the past four or five years. With regard to taking action in the courts, that was precluded up till July, 1925, by the agreement made by the former Liberal administration. Action could not have been commenced before the beginning of the present year, and it would take at least two years more to settle it. This was not a matter which could have been settled by agreement.

CRITICISM OF LIBERALS REVERSED

It was only six weeks ago that the Government was criticised for not settling the question. Now the opposition said that it would be a crime to settle it. That might be because there was now a new opposition leader. However, the new leader had a railway policy, which was that the Government must get control of the railway and settle the Royal Bank claim by agreement or by action, and that the offers to lease by the C.P.R. and G.N.R. must be considered from every viewpoint. What was new in this policy?

Bowen: "We make an apology."

The Premier: "There should be an apology for not having something more to present, and then criticising the Government."

Regarding R. C. Marshall's statement, the Premier said it was "all true except what he said." The offer of one million had been turned down by the bank. This had been fully gone into again and again, and no objection offered by the opposition. The offer of settlement was not challenged in the Assembly. The Liberals were trying to make an issue of an offer that was authorized by themselves. $1,000,000 was the bank's absolute minimum. Before the Government were through with the railway negotiations, they hoped that this amount would be assumed by someone else.

The bank's claim was originally $2,400,000, which with interest amounted to $3,000,000. The Government had been criticised for not making settlement at a much larger figure years ago.

WILL HAVE GAINED BY THE DEAL

"When we finally announce the offers made, we will find that we have gained very materially by the delay," said the Premier.

With regard to the article in The Albertan, he said that the Government made their own statements of policy, and no officer of the Government could make a statement for the Government.

"NOT GOING TO BUY ANY CONSTITUENCIES"

When he went up to the Peace River, as he proposed to do, Mr. Brownlee hoped to be able more definitely and frankly than the other two leaders to say what it was proposed to do. "We are not going to buy any constituencies. We are going to the people on our record, stating what we have done."

STOCKYARDS BILL INTRODUCED

In introducing a bill entitled "An Act Regarding Stockyards," the Premier stated that the bill was introduced on account of the constitutionality of the Dominion legislation affecting stockyards being challenged in the courts. The effect of that would be to leave the stockyards without any control at all. The bill would only come into effect on proclamation.

In answer to R. C. Marshall, who asked whether it was the intention to give undue privileges to co-operative marketing organizations over others, the Premier said that was not the intention. It was better that the Dominion Department of Agriculture should administer the Act than the Province.

Mr. Marshall asked a number of other questions on the first reading, which was finally given.

The Holograph Wills Act was passed through committee, and first and second readings were given to bills entitled:

87—An Act to Amend an Act to incorporate the Calgary and Southeastern Railway Company.

89—An Act to Amend the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association Act.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

PREPARING FOR ELECTION

Earlie Local, states the secretary, Wilfred G. Pearce, "is now concentrating on increasing the membership, and on some preliminary work in connection with the coming election. Good meetings have been held during the winter, and many important subjects, of interest to the movement, have been discussed. Social meetings, thanks to the help we received from the ladies, were a big success."

Liberal Leader Voices "Stockdealers" Ideas on Stockyards Bill

Bowen Frankly Spokesman of the Dealers—Bill Will Assure Square Deal for Co-operative Pools

FRIDAY'S SITTING

EDMONTON, May 21.—On the Stockyards Bill coming up for the second reading in the Assembly today, J. C. Bowen, opposition leader, said he wanted more light on it.

The Premier said that there was a question of the validity of the present Dominion statute. The producers had the right to have their interests safeguarded as far as possible. Livestock exchanges might have the chance to exercise their power in an arbitrary fashion, and the Government did not wish the producers left in a position that there was no regulating authority to step in. "We are not trying to encroach on the Dominion Department of Agriculture," said the Premier. "We will not attempt to interfere unless the rights of the producers are threatened. I feel reasonably certain that Mr. Motherwell will work the situation out as far as his powers allow."

J. C. Bowen alleged the stockmen were feeling somewhat alarmed about the action of the Government, and wished the Government would be more explicit.

The Government, explained the Premier, were quite prepared to put a clause in the Act that it would not come into force except by proclamation.

R. C. Marshall thought the Government was not entirely disclosing its hand as on former occasions.

The Premier:—"We are getting used to being misquoted by the other side."

Mr. Marshall wished a clause inserted that the Government would not proclaim the Bill unless the Dominion Act was declared ultra vires.

BOWEN SPEAKS FOR STOCKDEALERS

"I have difficulty in finding who is objecting to the bill," said Geo. Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture. "The opposition leader says he is speaking for the stockmen of the Province."

Mr. Bowen:—"I meant stockdealers."

The bill was the same as the one at Ottawa, with the exception of the clauses dealing with co-operative activities. It had to be recognized that co-operative associations conducted their activities in a different manner from the ordinary livestock dealers. "If the co-operative activities of the producers of livestock in the Province cannot receive fair consideration, the Government will take action," declared the Minister.

Mr. Hoadley proceeded to inform the opposition speakers of the action of their "volatile" leader, J. T. Shaw, who

Page Removal Bill With Educational Safeguard

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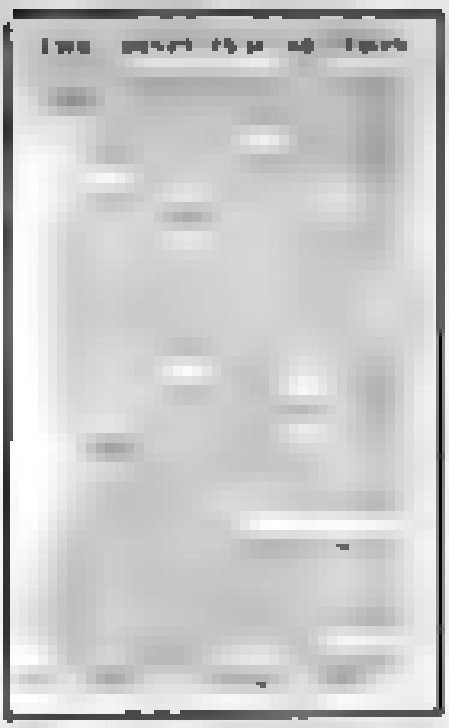

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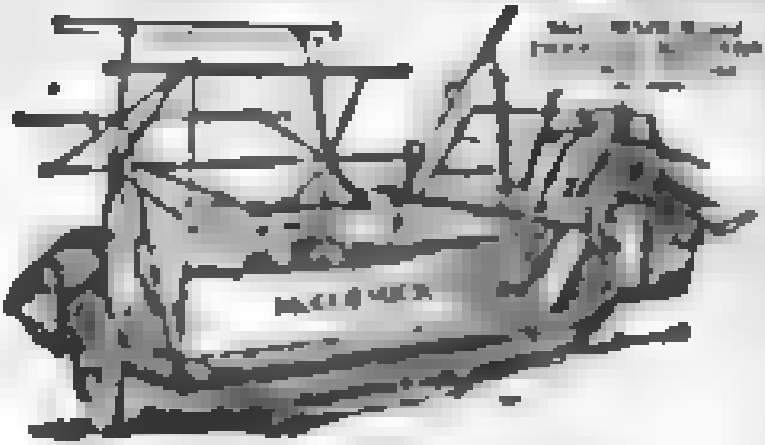

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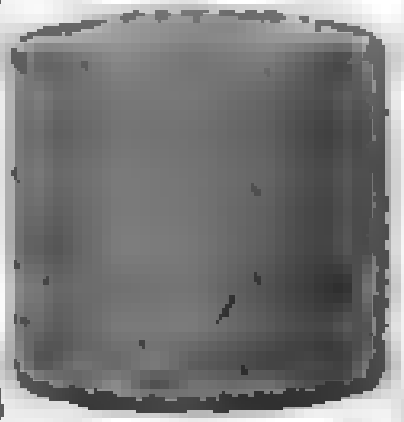

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Donald Cameron Is Again Unanimous Choice of Innisfail U.F.A. as Association Candidate for Constituency

Convention on May 22nd Inaugurates Plans for Vigorous Campaign to Promote Election Activities—Delegates Express View That U.F.A. as Intended to Succeed in Word and Look, Though Pioneers Need Encouragement

By WILLIAM IRVINE

Cleaner Politics in Alberta Since the Farmers Took Hold

Everyone gets very enthused at the time an election is proclaimed but that is not enough. Electing means a certain expense to carry on. The farmers have got to dig out of their own pockets. Every big gathering to feel the pulse and see dictate what the member has to do afterward.

Farmers' Own Politics

Look the recent investment of the conditions way that the Athabasca and Wood River campaigns and the customs house at Ottawa. When they did not punish a man, because he was useful at election, must make honest people who do fair play stop and think a minute since the farmers "took a hair" of election don't think in Canadian history of any other country there have been leaner politics than what the farmers have shown.

Now, every farm man and woman should take it as a personal liability to some or herself, it would be the grave of success to stay out. Get out and vote or one of you. So many stay home. And your votes are needed. Every one. You have a right on evil our people have up to get care of a fair voters out and say that do not belong to the U. F. A. locals who are in sympathy with the farmers.

So many farmers do not go to the U. F. A. or drop out. Perhaps some small dispute is brought into the local. Meeting every one or best stay by. Always do not a square deal in some way. Then make or fix a draft with a straight out in the open and settled the best as should be. Mr or Mrs. So and So may say something but if it did quite kind of him, but as repeated, perhaps quite differently and not in the way it was intended. But thats, you know how it goes on, so must start over.

Let's Have the Difference

So let bury the differences and put our shoulders to the wheel and push with all might to get our Farmer Government up again.

It is acknowledged by all honest men the other party has had our interests and rights been absolutely betrayed. Mistake may have been made but mistakes will always be made but our Government can now build up a stronger and "Great" Government by avoiding those mistakes in the future.

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Why the Crooks Got Away With It

In the Athabasca one of the chief reasons why such crooked work was done. The chief there was no meetings in one of the far away places.

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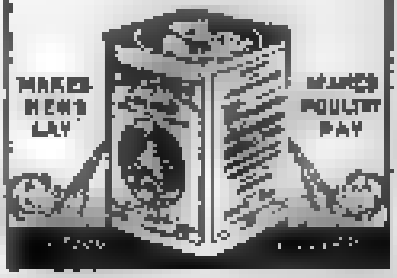

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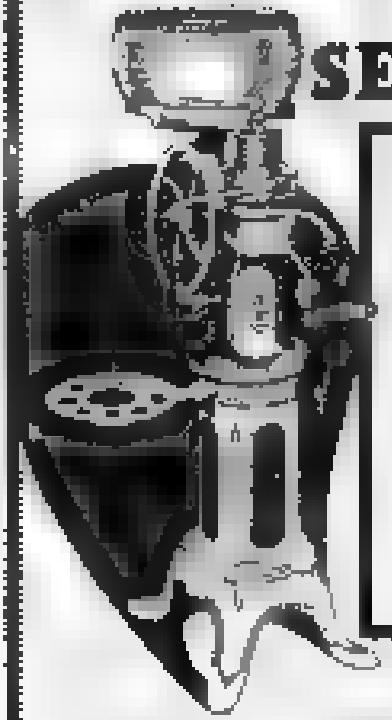

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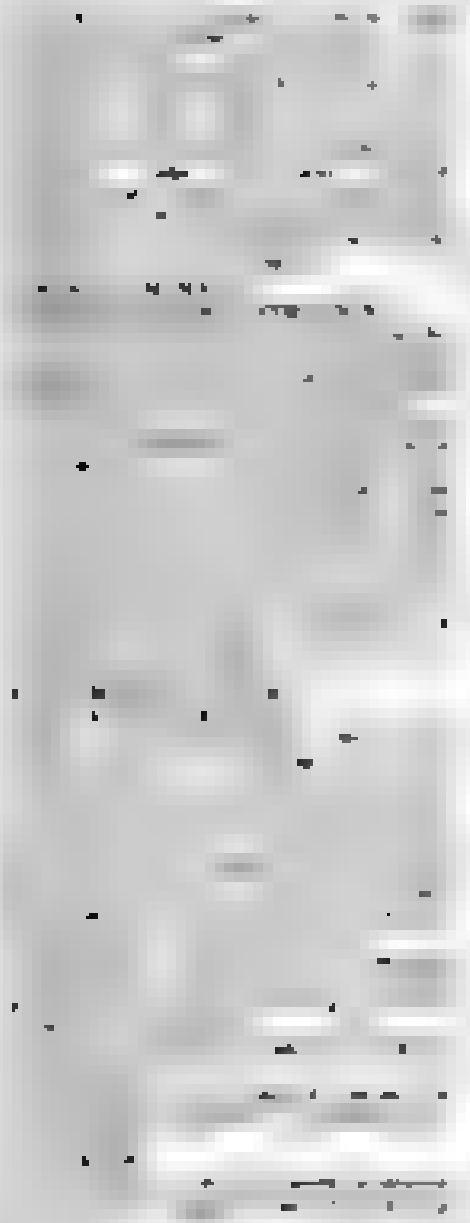

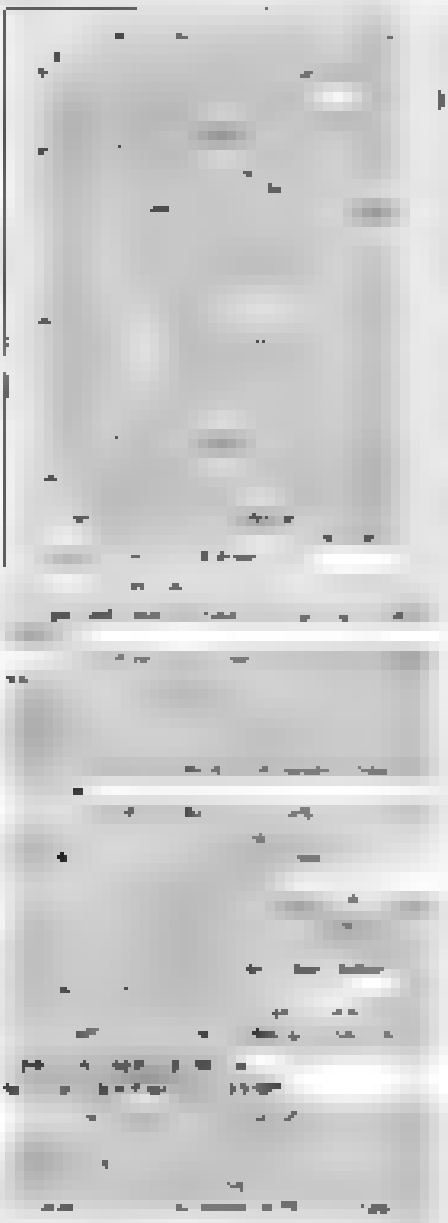

Five Years Education Assures Solidarity In Face of Party Attack

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Canned Meats reduced by Instruction

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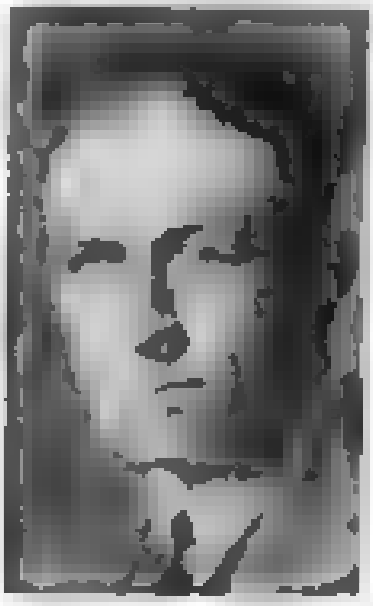
Ben S. Plumer Unanimously Chosen U.F.A. Standard Bearer for Bow Valley in Provincial Election

Previous Candidate Has Record of Consistent Service as U. F. A. Executive Head and Hundreds Across province Answer Request to Serve Before Convention by Wire. Party Lines Ignored Hundreds Pledge Support as Plan of Development Among U. F. A. Conventions. New Liberal Leader's Manifestoes on Liberty Discussed. Dependence on Party Schemes for Salvation.

By JOHN MACKENZIE



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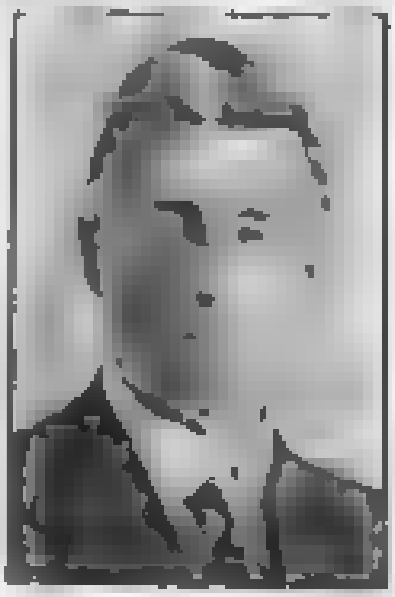

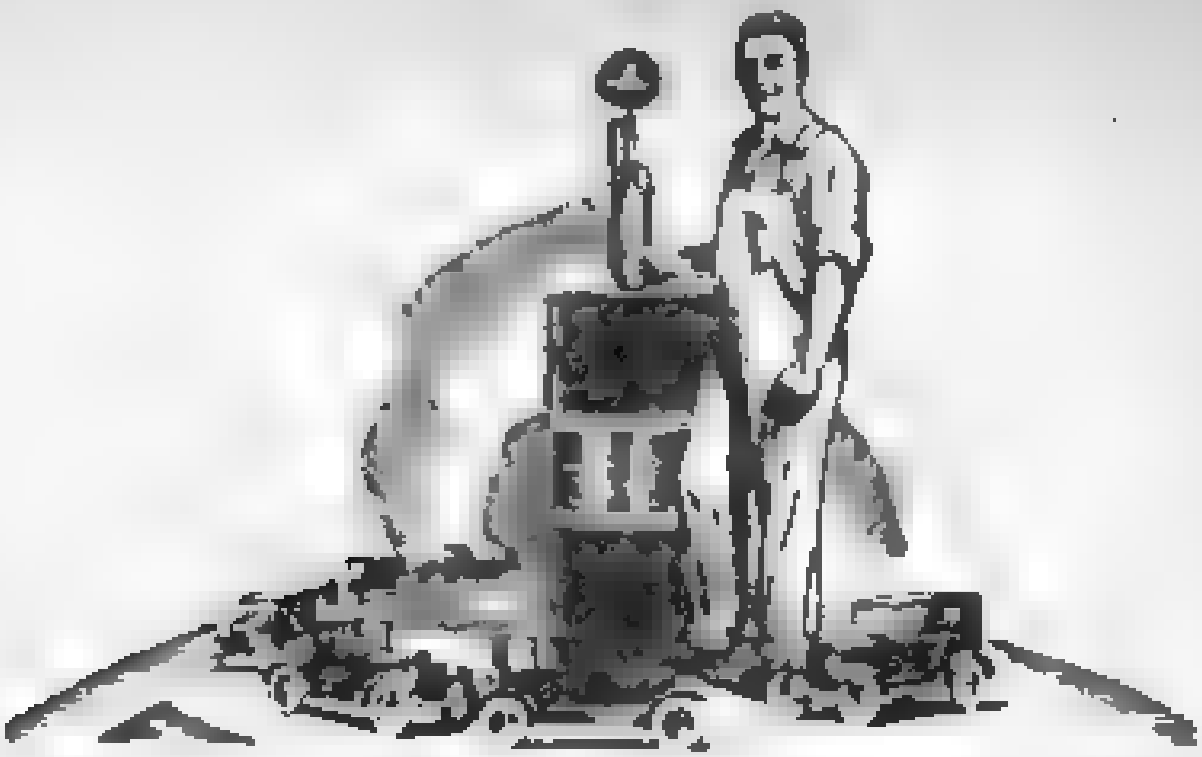

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By WILLIAM IRVINE

Ballots were
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dedicated to Messrs. McGillivray and Shaw.

The Convention was called to order by J. F. Reid, the retiring president. M. King, of Magrath, was elected chairman and handled the Convention in an able manner until the evening session, when the newly-elected president of the association, O. L. Graham, of Purple Springs, presided. During the afternoon Mrs. Carlson, director of the U. F. W. A. and Mr. Johnson, U. F. A. director gave spirited speeches on organization work.

OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

At the close of the afternoon session the election of officers for the coming year took place. The following were elected: President O. L. Graham, Purple Springs; first vice-president, Chris Hansen, Coaldale; second vice-president, T. H. Dunham, Cardale; directors, J. W. Hooker, Taber; S. H. Hamm, Bow Island; A. Brandly, Sterling; A. P. Hampton, Retlaw; Mr. McFadden, East Athabasca; O. Maulic, Vermilion; Mr. Nolan, Turin.

On reassembling at 8 p.m. the convention was addressed by Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer. The candidate and W. Irvine also gave brief speeches.

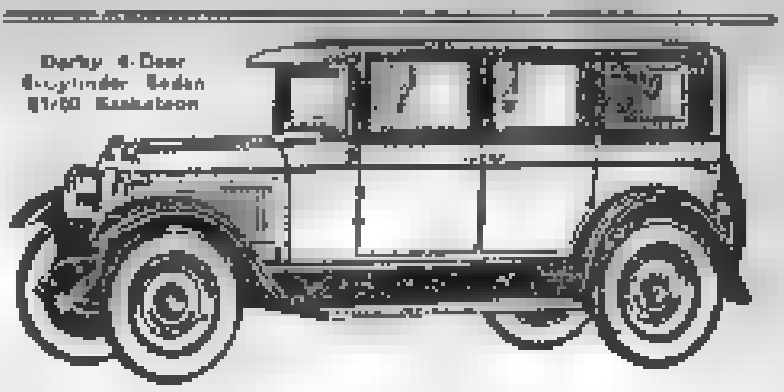
The large theatre was crowded to hear Mr. Reid. Although dealing with a subject which to many people is uninteresting, the subject of finance—Mr. Reid covered in a comprehensive way the whole Provincial situation in this Province and held his audience throughout.

BALANCED PICTURE OF GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

The Provincial Treasurer prefaced his remarks on the financial record of the Government by stating that at a time such as this, when the term of office of the administration was almost terminated, it was naturally a time of stock taking. It was necessary that this should be done so that the Government might have a balanced picture of its record. It was even more necessary that the electorate should have this picture clearly before them that they might be able to cast their ballots intelligently. Mr. Reid said: In presenting this stock-taking, I have asked myself: What are the qualifications that a people has the right to expect of its Government? and I have concluded that Honesty and Economy, Ability and Industry are in this connection, the four cardinal virtues. Having pointed out that both the opposition leaders exceeded the first two qualifications in the present Government, Mr. Reid mentioned that he could not remember a single occasion when a like contention had been made by its opponents to a Government about to face the electorate.

The financial record of the Government was dealt with in an exhaustive way which carried with it the conviction that these problems had been faced and grappled with in a spirit of earnestness, and with businesslike ability. Contrasting the statement of the Treasurer with the speeches of the opposition leaders, one is impressed with the strength of the Government's position and the weakness of those who present us as financial critics.

Resolutions of thanks to the speakers, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the Convention to a close at a late hour.



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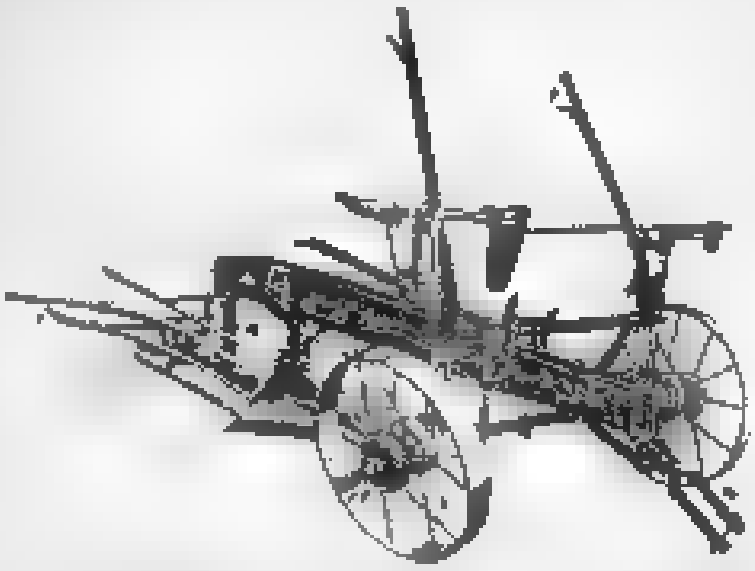

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Old Ways of Choosing Candidates and the U. F. A. Plan

Editor "The U. F. A."

Various conventions of all shades and color seem to be the order of the day. You can't get a few of us within reach of the words or discussing some of the inventions and happenings, and the consequent tests on those of the old time party days and the modern Alberta method. The U. F. A. certainly has introduced innovations in the mode of selection of political candidates as it has in other lines of endeavor.

There was when we knew who selected the candidate and the convention, right or wrong, was only held to perfect organization work for the party. Then came the day when it was necessary to let the people that the system was democratic and the executive of the various party organizations would select the names of a few candidates and present their names to the convention to be voted on. The rule of course was more or less a failure as the preliminary work was all done beforehand.

Then came the method of allowing the whole constituency by means of the ballot box to select a small nominating committee whose function it was to select the few names who would be presented to the assembly for the vote and the last step was reached when the U. F. A. having played its several parts, initiated a real convention by the assembly of duly accredited delegates from a given number of members and the open nomination for election of candidates for political office.

Whitewashing the Fresh

The writer suggested that we get serious. Today we are witnessing peculiar things. Old politicians, parties are whitewashing the "sins of their progenitors" in the approaching U. F. A. methods of nomination.

That doesn't worry us up here a bit as a good thing will always be a good thing and we have got to fight on the merits of such a simple and pleasing and political manoeuvering that we can hardly realize that such things ever existed.

The discussion will be interesting, though that we cannot help but do any damage to pass the remarks of it on to U. F. A. adherents in other constituencies. It was felt that the years of education and sacrifice endeavor would by the time be bringing forth fruit in continued adherence to the present methods in the selection of party candidates. It is a long time since we heard the expression "not the man the office". That watchword used to be a stated principle in the early days of the movement and it would be well to revive it as much as ever at this time of re-orientation.

Now Mr. Editor this isn't intended to be a sermon, neither is it written with a view to lead up the movement with particular advice. It is merely based on the desire that the U. F. A. movement which does it mind, or seems to be running counter, shall increase rather than diminish its original endeavor to purify our political life.

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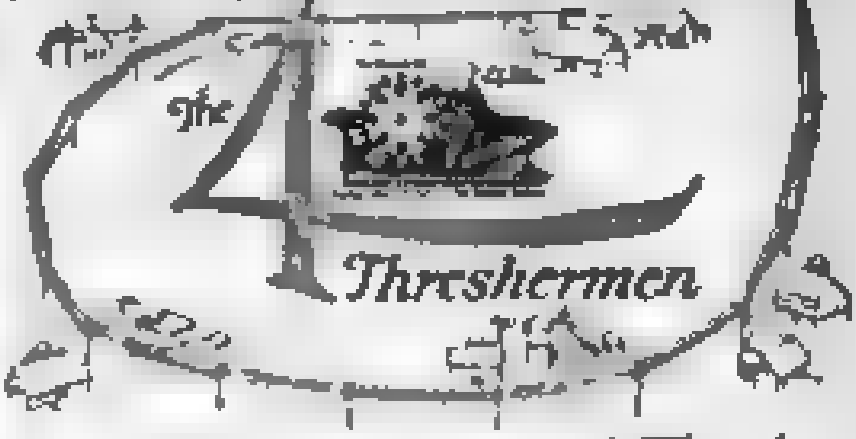

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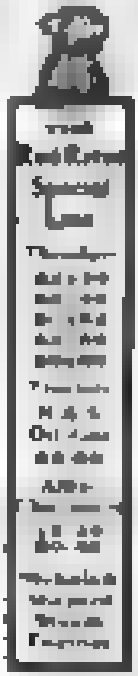

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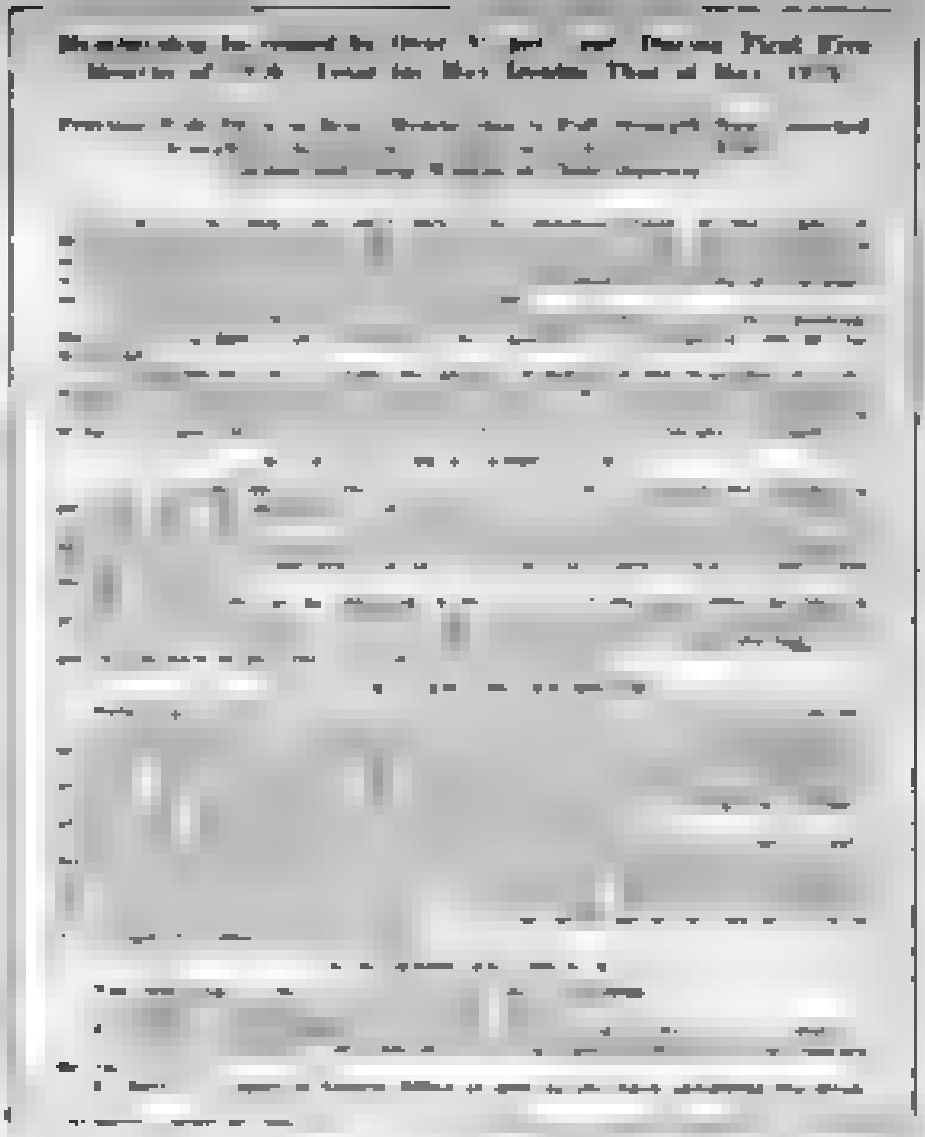

U F A. Candidates in the Field and Dates Coming Conventions

The Campaign in the Constituencies

Notes From the Correspondents and the Various Locals

By WILLIAM IRVINE

honest." As to the courage of the Government, a delegate said at a convention recently that "Mr. Shaw says our Government lacked courage. Pshaw! It took courage for a Farmers' Government to refuse to further increase the debt of the Province by giving more seed grain to the farmers in the dry belt. Every Farmer member in the House wanted to give that relief, for they all knew from experience what their fellow farmers had suffered. It would also have been a popular thing among farmers if they had done it. But they had the courage to fulfill their high sense of public duty and refused to further burden the Province. That was real courage. But Mr. Shaw did not have enough courage to remain an Independent and fight a lone battle against the party system which he had condemned; he did not even have the courage to read 'Shorty' Campbell out of the Liberal party."

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WIPES OUT DEFICIT

The Liberals talk of a "Business Administration." The Farmers' Government saved $150,000 per year in the King's Printer's department, and at the same time maintained the service with increased efficiency. This is only one example of what has been done in all departments to a greater or lesser degree. It was by this kind of business administration that the farmers have been able to wipe out the two million deficit left by the business men of the Liberal Government, and also to balance this year's budget after providing a million dollars for interest on the debts incurred by the Liberal business men. In the face of such facts, Liberal talk of a business administration does not sound attractive.

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SHAW DISCUSSES A "SIMPLE" MATTER

Mr. J. T. Shaw, in arguing that the budget had not been properly balanced, said that to understand the finances of the Province was a "simple" matter. "Simple" may be used in two senses. In one sense it may indicate the absence of complexity, while in another sense it may be used to indicate stupidity or silliness. When Mr. Shaw argues that a budget surplus should be shown on capital account instead of on income account his use of the term "simple" must be understood in the second use of the term. Mr. Shaw would be well advised to confine his speeches to discussing Liberal "principles," which he may understand.

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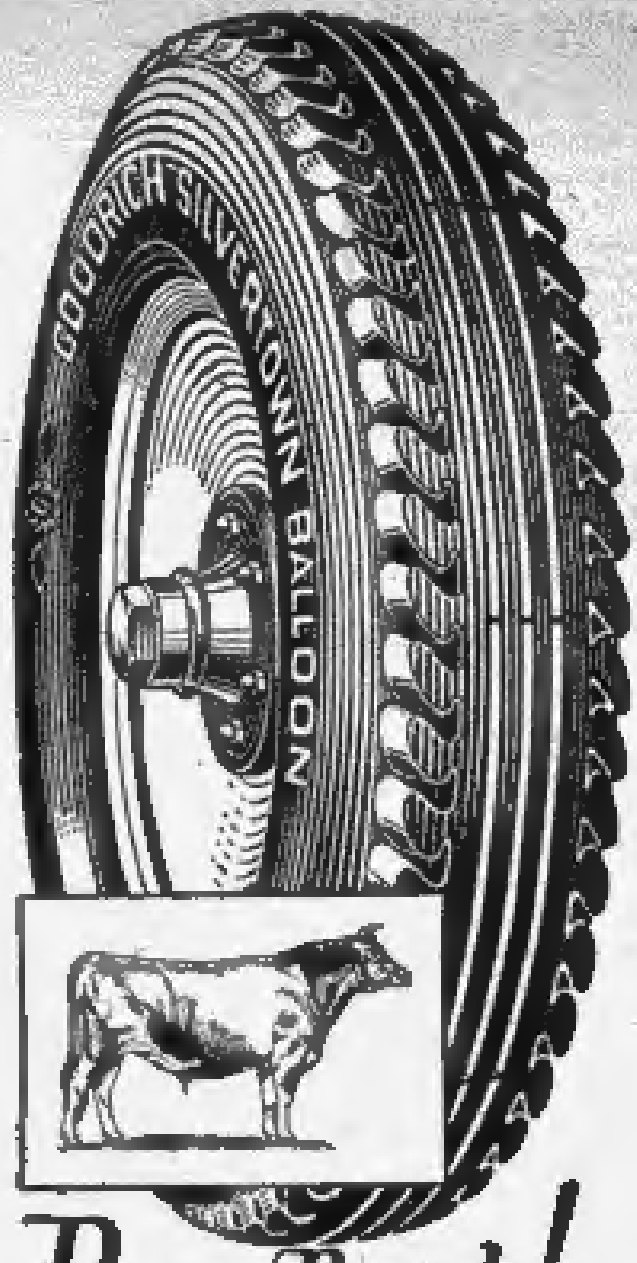
FOUR NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS

According to Hon. Mr. Reid there are at least four qualifications required for good government. These are "honesty," "sincerity," "ability" and "industry." That the present Government possesses the first two everybody, even including the two old party leaders, will admit. This is more than has ever been universally admitted in the case of any other government in this Province. And these two qualities count for much, being of greater importance than any other qualification. A fair examination of the facts relating to the business affairs of the Province before and after the advent of the Farmers' Government, will prove that the latter have ability and industry as well as the other qualities.



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LATE LIBERAL REGIME RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER $16,000,000 OF NEW DEBT

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that ordinary current expenditures of the Province have decreased in the five year period, interest charges on the debt of the Province totalling about a million more in 1925 than in 1921, owing to the increase in debt.

SHOULD WE STOP CAPITAL EXPENDITURE?

For the current year the estimated capital expenditure is in the neighborhood of $3,000,000. A telephone line to Peace River is contemplated, which with other telephone construction entails capital expenditure of $750,000. $1,500,000 will be spent on main highways, $500,000 on bridges, and another half million on market roads, etc. Bond interest, charges, and construction on existing railways entail a further $2,000,000, while the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation scheme necessitates an expenditure of $750,000 during the present year.

These amounts total much more than $3,000,000, but are offset by capital revenue, bringing the net increase to that figure.

So long as we have railways and irrigation schemes we must spend money on upkeep and development, and the increasing traffic on our highways demands better roads. All the sums voted for the items named were passed unanimously, and if the requests made by opposition members in the last session had been acceded to, the increase in public debt would have equalled the $16,000,000 increase in 1921, the last year of Liberal administration.

Figures make dry reading, and the foregoing is but a sketchy outline of Alberta's present position as regards capital expenditure. The various figures are taken from the 1925 Public Accounts and from the 1926 Estimates, as presented to the Alberta Assembly last session.

J. M.

J. F. Lymburn Becomes Attorney-General in Alberta Cabinet

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The appointment of John Farquhar Lymburn, of Edmonton, one of the most distinguished members of the legal profession in Alberta, to the position of Attorney-General in the Alberta Government, was announced on Saturday, May 29th.

Comparatively Young Man

The new Attorney-General, who is a comparatively young man, was born 46 years ago at Ayr, Scotland, within two miles of the birthplace of Robert Burns, and obtained his early education in his native town at the grammar school and academy. He was apprenticed for five years in the law office of Gowdy and Douglas, of Ayr, and later entered into the offices of one of the oldest legal firms in Scotland, Kidstone, Watson, Turnbull & Company, of Glasgow. He passed his final examinations in the law courses at Glasgow University and graduated in 1904, when he was admitted to the practice of law in Scotland. In 1906 he went to Hamilton, Scotland, remaining there until March, 1911, when he came to Edmonton, Alberta, and entered the law firm of Short and Cross, remaining with this firm for 18 months. His first venture into private practice was in 1911, under the firm name of Lymburn, Mackenzie and Cook. This firm was dissolved in 1914, when Mr. Lymburn took as his partner John Scrymgeour, and later Mayne Reid. Mr. Scrymgeour subsequently retired, and the firm has continued as Lymburn and Reid up to the present time.

Work As Counsel Notable

Practically ever since his arrival in Edmonton, Mr. Lymburn has been before the courts. His work as counsel has become notable and highly successful, and he has established a very wide practice. His standing in his profession has gained general recognition, including election to the presidency of the Edmonton Bar Association during the term 1924-25.

Mr. Lymburn is an active member of the Presbyterian church, and has been a director of Robertson College, while he has taken a prominent part in many social and civic activities. He is a football enthusiast, and has been an active member of the Caledonians.

The Attorney-General has at no time been connected with any political party in Canada, and he is convinced that the ultimate solution of the problem of government will be found in the elimination of the political party system. He believes that the electorate in 1921 showed that it was finished once and for all, with party government, and that what is most desired is honest government. Among the members of his own profession, and among the general body of citizens in Edmonton, Mr. Lymburn enjoys the highest reputation. His addition to the cabinet forms an important further step in the development of a co-operative system of government in Alberta, freed from the spirit of partisan.

It is anticipated that he will be a candidate for election in the city of Edmonton, as a supporter of the policy of co-operative government for which the present administration stands.

J. F. LYMBURN

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